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THE BULLETIN'S POLICY.

Our primary purpose in establishing the ILLINOIS CLUB BULLETIN is to publish the communications of the Standing Committees of the Federation through these columns. The loose leaves which have been mailed to the clubs at irregular intervals by the various Standing Committees are discontinued.

The secondary object of the BULLETIN is to reach the club women of the state with general announcements and news items of an official nature.

Every club woman is thus given opportunity through the BULLETIN to come in close touch with the administration. And the purpose of our project will be best served by having every club member subscribe for the BULLETIN.

While future conditions cannot be foretold, we confidently expect the paper to grow; and it will grow in exact ratio to the support it receives.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE BULLETIN.

Last February, the Board of Directors of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs issued a trial number of the ILLINOIS CLUB BULLETIN and asked every club president in the state to write us her opinion of the venture. More letters than we had expected were received, they were unanimously favorable, and in great numbers they were enthusiastic.

The Board then voted to issue three numbers of the BULLETIN during the club year of 1909-10, and placed the management for the year in the hands of a committee of five. This committee takes pleasure in bringing you the first regular number of the paper at this time, and asks your support and co-operation which are essential to our success.

DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The new method of nominating the vice-presidents will be tried for the first time in November.

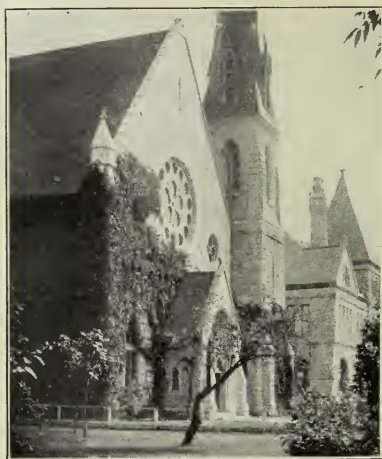
The districts bearing odd numbers are requested to read Art. IV. Sec. 4. of the Constitution very carefully so as to comply with its requirements.

Its purpose is to give the entire district an opportunity to nominate, and not leave the naming of this important officer to a few chance delegates from a minority of the clubs. Clubs cannot do better service to themselves and the Board, than to magnify this office by giving it to their most efficient women.

TO THE NEW DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Soon after the convention in November will occur the first meeting of the Board in which you will have a part. At that meeting, the Standing Committees bearing odd numbers will be elected. You should have in mind women from your district who possess the particular ability needed in the work of certain of these committees. You will not be able to elect many women from one district, but you should be prepared to nominate women who will be a credit to your district and who will ably serve the state.

Mrs. Finis P. Ernest of East St. Louis, who was elected Recording Secretary of the Federation last fall, suffered continued ill health during the winter and spring, and finally resigned her office. Later the vacancy was filled by the Board, Mrs. Frank L. Bills of Urbana being appointed for the unexpired term.



First Congregational Church

THE OAK PARK CONVENTION.

The annual meeting of the Federation will be held Nov. 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1909, at Oak Park, and the First Congregational Church will be the place of meeting. Mrs. A. W. Bryant, Chairman of the Local Board, reports that preparations are well advanced.

Mrs. P. D. Konold, 531 Fair Oaks Ave., Chairman of the House Committee, has practically completed her arrangements for luncheons and dinners to be served the visitors at the several churches. Arrangements for the social occasions are in charge of Mrs. Thomas White, Chairman of the Social Committee.

Mrs. C. H. Zimmerman, 709 N. Central Ave., Austin, who has charge of plans for entertaining delegates in the homes, has sent out cards asking members of the district to designate the number of guests they will entertain, and the early and numerous replies indicate the hearty welcome which the District extends to the State delegates.

TRANSPORTATION.

The Transportation Committee of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs wishes to announce to the delegates and other club members attending the convention to be held at Oak Park, that special cars will be secured on the different railroads, provided sufficient numbers will warrant such an arrangement. Vice-presidents will please notify the Chairman not later than October 20th of the number who will attend from their several districts.

The Northwestern Railroad will not run their usual number of suburban trains, owing to the building of their new station, *therefore delegates can most conveniently reach Oak Park via the elevated road*—within easy reach of each terminal station. Further particulars will be sent to vice-presidents later.

MRS. R. F. CUMMINGS, Chairman,
5135 Madison Ave., Chicago.

CREDENTIALS.

Delegates to the annual meeting at Oak Park will find the Credentials Committee in session Nov. 8th, from 6:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m., in the parlors of the First Congregational Church, and from 8 to 9 o'clock a. m. thereafter.

Clubs belonging to the Federation are requested to send the names of their delegates and alternates at once to

MRS. ALBERT R. MARTIN,
Chairman Credentials Com.
1559 N. Hoyne Ave.

THE CONVENTION PROGRAM.

At 9:30 Tuesday morning, November 9, 1909, the Convention will open in the First Congregational Church of Oak Park, with the customary formality.

Mrs. David W. Beggs, Vice-President

of the Sixth District, and Honorary Chairman of the Local Board, will welcome the delegates in the name of the entertaining district, and Judge Jesse A. Baldwin will bid the Convention welcome to Oak Park.

The morning will be given largely to the reports of the Business Committees and the officers.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Andrew S. Caldwell, Vice-President at Large, will have charge of the District Vice-Presidents' session. Following this, Mrs. Arnold N. Heap, Chairman, will present the program for the Art Committee.

Wednesday morning, after the routine business and the nominations for delegates to the biennial convention of the General Federation, at Cincinnati, the reports of the following committees will be presented by the chairmen: *Revision*, Mrs. J. H. Beers; *Transportation and Arrangements*, Mrs. Robert F. Cummings; *Legislative*, Mrs. George R. Bacon; *Public Health*, Mrs. George Watkins; *Civics*, Mrs. E. M. Henderson.

The closing hour will be given to the Library Extension Committee, with Mrs. Edmund A. Curtis, the chairman, presiding. We are hoping to have as speakers at this time the Secretary of State, Hon. James A. Rose, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. Francis G. Blair.

Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. F. W. King, Chairman of the Education Committee, and Mr. William Hard will have charge of the first program, and Miss McClain, Chairman of the Music Committee, will present her work the second hour. At the close of the afternoon's session the Nineteenth Century Club of Oak Park will receive at their beautiful club rooms in Scoville Institute.

Thursday morning, following the regular business and election of delegates to the meeting of the General Federation, Mrs. W. A. Blodgett, Chairman, will report for the Household Economics Committee; Mrs. Henry Solomon, Chairman, will report for the Committee on the Care of Girls in Institutions. Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin will speak for the Industrial School at Park Ridge, and Mrs. G. J. Charlton will report for her committee to Visit and Report upon our State Institutions under Civil Service.

The Civil Service Committee, with Mrs. John T. Mason, the chairman, presiding, will have charge of the last hour, and Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, former president of the General Federation, is expected as the speaker.

Thursday afternoon will be filled with the reports of the Forestry Committee, Mrs. H. C. Adams, Chairman; the Literature and Reciprocity Committee, Mrs. Daniel M. Cobb, Chairman, and the programs given by the Pure Food Committee, in charge of Mrs. I. D. Page, Chairman, with Dr. H. W. Wiley, U. S. Food Commissioner, of Washington, as the speaker. The Philanthropy Committee will follow with Mrs. J. M. Guy, the chairman, presiding, and Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane the speaker.

Friday morning, after the routine business, Dr. Rachelle S. Yarros, Chairman of the Industrial Committee, will give her report, and the delegates to the Peace Congress held in Chicago, will report that convention. Mrs. Watkins, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the G. F. W. C., will make a short address on the work and anticipations of her committee.

The Education, Civics and Public Health Committees will hold conferences during the Convention.

Tuesday evening, Mrs. Maude Balington Booth will be the speaker, and Wednesday evening the Rev. Anna Shaw will address the convention. Thursday evening the annual reception will be held in Unity House.

For the morning and evening sessions, excellent music has been arranged by the chairman of the Music Committee of the Local Board, Mrs. C. W. Poorman of Oak Park.

THE COUNCIL AT SAN ANTONIO.

At the meeting of the Council of the General Federation, which was held at San Antonio, Texas, March 31 and April 1, the Illinois Federation was represented by its president. Mrs. Watkins of Chicago was in attendance as Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the General Federation. Mrs. Wiles, as president of the United States Daughters of 1812, and Mrs. Goss, as president of the Chicago South Side Club, were also present, and these four constituted the total number from Illinois.

In the Council, from outside San Antonio, were 102 women, representing 29 states and the District of Columbia.

Discussions were upon the program for the biennial convention to be held at Cincinnati, in May, 1910, and upon reports which were presented by the Chairmen of Standing Committees. Suggestions which were heard for the Cincinnati program favored afternoon conferences for the discussion of questions introduced in the forenoon sessions; an evening given to civil service; a session for reports from state presidents, as in former years, though there was difference of opinion regarding the value of this session; and an evening for social problems—as Peace, Socialism and Suffrage—to be discussed pro and con, the several subjects being

presented by an able advocate for each side.

Among interesting points in the committee reports are the following: Mrs. Moulton of Ohio, Chairman of the Civics Committee, said that in Germany improvements on a home lower the taxes upon that property, because by the improvement the community has benefited; that in Germany a water front is for the people first, for commerce later, and that investigations in Norfolk, St. Louis and Pittsburg prove that coal can be burned economically and without smoke. This chairman took occasion to pay Chicago a high compliment upon having established the best system of play grounds in the world. Mrs. Amidon of North Dakota, Chairman of Food Sanitation, made clear the importance of uniformity in the food laws of the different states.

Mrs. Sherman's absence was constantly deplored, and her illness was the occasion of resolutions of regret and sympathy.

The social functions were numerous and brilliant, and especially interesting to the northern women was the closing evening when, to the surprise of some of us, we thoroughly enjoyed a Mexican supper as we sat in the open air at San Pedro Park, with the pecan trees waving above us and surrounded by semi-tropical scenes.

RECEPTION TO MRS. MOORE.

The board of directors of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs tendered Mrs. Philip N. Moore, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a reception at the Chicago Women's Club the afternoon of May fourth.

Many club women were glad of the opportunity to do honor to the woman who has been given the highest position within the gift of the federated clubs of the United States.

Mrs. Moore was in attendance on

the Peace Congress as one of the speakers and the board being in session just previous to the Congress made the reception opportune.

Several other courtesies in the way of luncheons were extended to Mrs. Moore during her stay in Chicago.

EDUCATION.

The Chicago *Record-Herald* of September seven in an editorial says:

"The summer just ended has been notable for the amount and intensity of educational criticism and unrest. It would not be easy to mention a phase or part of the whole educational system that has escaped severe treatment at the hands of experts and reformers. The whole fabric, it is agreed, needs rebuilding from foundation to tower but, of course, the needed reconstruction will take time—decades if not generations. We cannot establish technical high schools, continuation schools, trade institutes, agricultural schools in a year. The general idea as to the next step in education as a process of fitting for life, of shaping character and training citizens, is much more definite. But for some considerable time to come we must make the best of existing facilities and existing institutions. Educational readjustment is proceeding even while the attacks continue to be largely destructive, since, after all, a great deal depends on the spirit and the methods of the educators."

To make ourselves intelligent concerning the changes in our educational system to which reference is made will require constant vigilance. Heretofore there has been practically but one way of gaining an education, from elementary school to high school, from high school to college or university.

Today one can obtain training that will fit him for any walk of life which he may choose. Hence, the necessity of the parents to know the need and so guide the child that he may gain not only the most money but the most happiness and the broadest experiences.

The club is the only outlet for a very large number of women and the makers of programs owe to their sister club women the privilege of coming in touch with the great problems of the day, which must re-act upon their lives sooner or later in a vital way.

In closing, attention is called to some other problems heretofore brought to your notice: Moral training in the school, home and social life; physical condition of children, especially as to eyes, ears and throat; sanitary conditions of buildings and grounds; moral value of teachers, also salaries; school board and its efficiency.

An article by William Hard (writer of "The Woman's Invasion," in *Everybody's Magazine*, Nov. 1908 to April 1909) in *Everybody's* for August, on *High School Fraternities*, should not be missed by those interested in the question. The heart of the matter is reached in a decidedly keen and witty manner. It is expected that on November 10, the convention will have the pleasure of having this gifted writer and forceful speaker.

May the seed of interest which we endeavor to sow be brought to some fruition.

LILLIAN REIS KING, Chairman...

ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP.

The Education Committee of the General Federation is now prepared to offer a scholarship of \$1,500, to be held at either Oxford, Cambridge, or London University, for the year beginning October, 1910. This will be awarded to an American woman.

Each candidate competing for the scholarship shall take in October, 1909, the same qualifying examinations as are provided by the Rhodes Trust for the college men who are competing for the Cecil Rhodes scholarships.

In this State, the application may be

made to Mrs. F. W. King, Chairman Education Committee, Greenwood Inn, Evanston.

PHILANTHROPY.

The Philanthropy Committee urges women of the State to take special interest just now in the condition of the inmates of alms houses in their respective counties. The work undertaken last year by this committee was largely preparatory, a sort of entering wedge. The real work to attain the ends in view is yet to be done. The reports which have come to us from 34 counties show how great is the need of your co-operation that reform methods may be secured.

We hope clubs will appoint committees to visit the county institution, regularly if possible, to become informed as to the needs. Then we suggest that club women talk with supervisors individually, or in session, endeavoring to obtain their approval of improvements that seem practicable.

A discussion in the home of these conditions and needs may interest husbands, brothers, fathers, and through their influence also results eventually may be obtained.

At the November meeting, the Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane will talk to us on this subject, and it is hoped all who can will hear this forceful, earnest woman, whose help in this cause has been sought in many states. Her plea for the indigent, aged and infirm confined in alms houses has brought the claims of this class before many who have never before given these unfortunates more than a passing thought. We anticipate results in Illinois from this campaign to arouse interest, and we bespeak the sympathy and assistance of club members generally.

NANNIE K. GUY,
Chairman Philanthropy Com.



Industrial School.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AT PARK RIDGE.

The Illinois Industrial School for Girls is now established at Park Ridge—on the farm which was presented to the corporation many years ago by Mrs. Talcot, on which was to be built the farm and home school for the dependent girls of the State. They were to be given an education which would fit them to be good managers in their own homes, or valuable additions to the homes of other housewives. The finances of the school did not allow the carrying out of Mrs. Talcott's plan, but when the Board of Trustees was reorganized, Mrs. Henry Solomon, the then president, determined that the old building at Evanston, where the school was then situated, should be given up and the girls boarded in families, while every effort should be made to build at Park Ridge. So the debts of the institution were paid, the Evanston property

sold—it was heavily mortgaged—and building at the Park Ridge farm was commenced. Two houses have been built on the farm, one to accommodate sixteen girls and the other twelve. A cottage has also been rented in the village of the older girls, and a small bungalow has just been finished on the farm to serve as an administration building. The barn is being built and will soon be completed. The wards of the school are the dependent girls of Illinois. The school is non-sectarian, but the Roman Catholic have their own institutions and never allow Catholic children to be sent to institutions other than Catholic. The Illinois School is the only one in the state which gives a thorough training in domestic and agricultural economy. The course of instruction is carried on by a graduate teacher of domestic economy, and the lessons are put in practice in the home life. It is absolutely essential that the school of domestic economy should now

be built, one suited to the requirements, with practice kitchen, laundry and class rooms. Such a building can be erected for \$20,000.

The girl problem is the most pressing one before the public. Judge Black, of the Probate Court of Columbus, Ohio, truly says: "A great deal has been written about the boy problem, and the public mind has been directed almost exclusively towards the salvation of the boys of the country. Apparently the girls have been lost sight of.

"The consequences of a young girl's mistake are so much more far-reaching, so much more disastrous for the family, so much more appalling in their consequences that why society should give the boy the preference, I am unable to apprehend."

All of the judges of the juvenile court unite in saying that the most acute and pressing problem of modern society is to provide for the dependent girls of the state, adequate protection, and an education that will render them self-supporting.

The Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs has endorsed this school, and it is hoped that the clubs of the State will adopt it as their special charge.

ELLEN M. HENROTIN.

LEGISLATIVE.

Whatever others may say of the 46th General Assembly, the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs has only words of appreciation for, of the seven bills endorsed by it, six passed.

As the Federation only concerns itself with such measures before the State Legislature as are educational or remedial, the passage of these bills has put upon the statutes of Illinois six good laws of which the women of the state may feel proud.

Space will not permit the printing of the full text of each bill, but in substance or in effect they are as follows.

Two have to do with the care of children.

Every one who is interested in the suppression of the caste system in the public schools must rejoice that fraternities and sororities shall not be allowed to exist in these schools since the passage of the bill to suppress them passed without opposition.

The recent revolt in Denver furnishes the evidence that such things breed disorder and lawlessness, in which the youth of the land show they regard an oath to a secret order above education or obedience to law.

The other provides for the testing of the eyesight and hearing of pupils in the public schools, by the State Board of Health and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The result must be of great value to many who otherwise must eventually drop out of school because of these infirmities.

Two bills which have to do with women of the underworld were passed, namely: To suppress the white-slave traffic, and in relation to the payment of certain debts by prostitutes.

It speaks volumes for woman's virtue that she must be trapped by every devilish means known to procurors for this traffic to enter a life of shame, and much good must result to weak and helpless womanhood by throwing around it the strong arm of the law.

A bill which represents an important advance in humanitarian legislation was (or is) that which revised the law relating to charities and corrections.

While it was amended somewhat from its original form, it will ensure in Illinois a degree of efficiency hitherto unknown in the care of the wards of the state.

The only bill which failed of passage of those endorsed by the Federation was the one for the reservation of the white pine woods of Ogle county—the only bit of white pine left in the state.

The I. F. W. C. endorsed these bills. The clubs of the 7th District originated the Fraternities Bill, another which was our very own, was the bill for a library extension board.

A complete history of the legislation for state control during the past fourteen years would fill a folio.

Profiting by the experiences of the past, the effort this time was made along the line of least resistance.

With the example of several states, it seemed best to attempt amendments to the State Library law, thus uniting the library interests of the state, rather than to create an independent board.

With this in view the co-operation of the State Library Commissioners was secured, and the three gentlemen composing this board gave valuable assistance.

Hon. James A. Rose, Secretary of State, is by virtue of office librarian of the State Library, and with Gov. Deneen and Hon. Francis G. Blair, Supt. of Public Instruction, will select the two library extension commissioners.

In brief, the bill provides for the selection of two commissioners, who, together with the state librarian shall constitute a board to be known as the "Illinois Library Extension Commission," of which the state librarian shall be ex-officio chairman.

The library extension commission shall give advice and information to libraries and communities interested in starting libraries, and shall appoint a library organizer who shall perform the usual duties of this position.

The commission shall also operate traveling libraries.

The appropriation for this board was included in the omnibus bill.

Senator Douglas W. Helm of Metropolis presented the bill April 1st.

It passed the Senate May 5th, and the House May 28th.

Gov. Deneen signed it June 14th, and it became a law July 1st, 1909.

Some time must be allowed for the complying with the provisions of the new law, but when these arrangements have been made, Illinois will take her proper place in library methods with thirty-two other states having such commissions.

Many members of both the Senate and the House gave personal support and worked for the passage of the bill.

Besides these, club women, librarians, and collegiate alumnæ gave their loyal support.

The result is gratifying to all friends of library extension, not only in Illinois but all over the United States.

Very respectfully and gratefully,

EUGENIE M. BACON,
Chairman of Legislation.

LIBRARY EXTENSION.

In courtesy to the new commissioners, since the passage of the bill, we have not been sending libraries out nor making any effort to secure new places.

As is usual during the summer months many libraries have been returned until at present there are between fifty and sixty trunks at the central station, and it makes a goodly array of books, though less than a third of the entire gift.

Now that the state has assumed this duty of caring for the traveling libraries arrangements for the transfer will soon be completed. We receive many letters from patrons who are getting in line to secure libraries for their winter read-

ing, and there seems to be the same demand for these books as in times past.

MARY A. CURTIS,
Chairman.

CIVIL SERVICE.

The State Federation, at its meeting in Oak Park, has in prospect a great pleasure, inasmuch as Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, Chairman of the Civil Service Committee of the General Federation, expects to be with us. She will bring not only a knowledge obtained by several years' study and experience, but an equal amount of enthusiasm for the extension of the merit system, and, we hope, will make us realize the great and growing importance of this work and our duty to our state institutions.

Other states are placing in their grammar, high and normal schools, and in libraries, copies of Miss Cary's "Primer of the Civil Service and the Merit System," that every boy and girl in the country may be grounded in the principles of the merit system. These pamphlets will be furnished in sufficient numbers for a small sum above the express. Also clubs giving a civil service program will be aided in securing speakers free of charge, except for expenses, and the General Federation Committee congratulates us on our rare opportunity in having such well qualified speakers, who are able as well as willing to give their time for addresses.

Now, will every club president make it *possible* for us to give to Mrs. Decker as much encouragement and enthusiasm as she brings to us by answering the two following questions:

1st. Will you, or will you endeavor to, have a civil service day or evening on your program this coming year?

2nd. Will you endeavor to place the Primer in your grammar, high and nor-

mal schools, also in libraries, this coming club year?

Answers to the above two questions must be received before October 30th and addressed to Civil Service Committee, 47 S. Lincoln Ave., Aurora, Ill.

Examinations for attendants, matrons, house-fathers and house-mothers will be held in November and the dates and places will be sent to the vice presidents.

MRS. JOHN T. MASON,
Chairman Civil Service Com.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

In the February number of the *Illinois Bulletin* your attention was called to the aims of this committee, and the benefit to be derived from co-operating with it, not only to your club members, but to the state at large.

You were requested to report to the chairman any work instituted by or accomplished through your club. Through the courtesy of our president this committee is again allowed to address you through the *Bulletin*, thereby saving the cost of sending out separate printed matter. Therefore we urge all presidents to report work undertaken for the ensuing year, and any that you have accomplished through lectures, exhibits, or in support of Sanatoria. It is the desire of this committee to be able to furnish a helpful report at our state convention in November at Oak Park, and also at the biennial convention of the General Federation to be held in Cincinnati next May.

During the last session of our State Legislature a bill was passed enabling cities and villages to levy a tax for the purpose of building and maintaining sanatoria for the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis. Clubs now have another incentive to engage their members in the study of this subject, since they may be the media through

which their localities may provide for those afflicted with this curable disease, as the public has in the past for those mentally diseased, whose number is not so great, whose loss to the state is not so serious and whose friends suffer no less for the difference in the malady.

We refer you to the February number of the *Bulletin* for address whereby printed matter on this subject can be procured, also upon the subject of Social Hygiene.

As chairman of the committee I again urge upon you the need of your report being in my hands by October fifteenth (15th). Fraternally yours,

MINNIE A. WATKINS,
Chairman.

4740 Madison Ave., Chicago.

PURE FOOD.

The Pure Food Committee finds plenty of work to do, in season and out of season. Our chief regret is that we have not yet reached all the intelligent women of Illinois and gained their interest and help in this struggle for better conditions in the manufacture and sale of articles of food. The thoughtful people of the United States were never so alive as at present on the subject of wholesome food. The convention at Denver in August of "the Association of State and National Food and Dairy Departments" and the publicity given it by our daily papers have awakened the interest of many who were before indifferent.

The importance of keeping Dr. H. W. Wiley at the head of this department in Washington is more apparent than ever. We expect to give him an enthusiastic welcome when he speaks to us in Oak Park in November.

H. E. Barnard, Food Commissioner of Indiana, gave a notable paper at the Denver Convention on the production

of sanitary food. He said: "Food inspection now goes beyond the distribution and begins with the place of production." G. S. Dow of Pittsburg spoke of the strong support the organization of our best manufacturers brings to the help of those working for pure food and gave the testimony of these manufacturers against benzoate of soda. Mr. Dow said:

"If some of the poor man's prepared food must come from the refuse and by-products he should be able to know unmistakably the character of the material that he is buying and the actual food value that it represents.

"We claim that the abolition of preservatives will not increase the price to the consumer, but will decrease it, provided that there is a thorough enforcement of the regulation for truthful food labeling, and the fact that foods which are of *really inferior quality* must *decrease in price* in open competition with foods made of first class material *is the cause of nine-tenths* of the opposition to any law that undertakes to give an honest food supply."

There are many good and honest workers for pure food, but Dr. H. W. Wiley is the fearless leader who is needed in Washington. We ask every woman who reads this *Bulletin* to talk and work to create such a public sentiment as shall keep him at the head of this department.

MRS. I. D. PAGE,
Chairman.

A test suit on bleached flour was filed in the United States court at Des Moines, Sept. 28. Some time ago the Updyke Company of Omaha shipped to Iowa points several thousand pounds of bleached flour. The shipments were confiscated by government inspectors on the ground that the manufacturers had not only violated the pure food laws but the dictum of the interstate commerce commission relating to the shipment of alleged adulterated foods.

It is said that the millers' organization is after the scalp of Dr. H. W. Wiley, head of the pure food branch of the department of agriculture, who was instrumental in placing the ban on bleached flour.

FORESTRY.

The members of the Forestry Committee feel encouraged that some of the seeds sown last year have fallen upon fruitful soil, for many clubs are reaching out for information upon forestry, waterways and bird life.

In this age of progress and intellectual growth we are not satisfied to look upon a tree as an accident of nature—something that is here merely to give shade and to beautify the world. We wish to look deeper into its history and mission, to learn its habits and uses, its influences upon us and upon the world about us.

We should do more than admire the birds and listen to their song. Let us become their friends, study their traits and characteristics, and know the many ways in which they are necessary to our existence.

Let us enrich ourselves with knowledge of things about us, and so fit ourselves to help in this great movement of conservation. Programs and helps of any kind will be given, gladly, by the chairman or any member of the Forestry Committee.

BLANCHE M. ADAMS,
Chairman.

CIVICS.

The aim and desire of your committee is to be able either to suggest a definite piece of work to do or be the stimulus to work out the local problems of the state. The small town, the larger cities and the great city provides a large opportunity for civic work.

Because the church occupies a large place in small towns your committee suggests that club women insist that as the churches become more prosperous a place, either in the parish house or the church, be provided for conducting:

1. Indoor athletics.
2. Metal and wood work.
3. Clay modelling.
4. Artistic rug weaving.
5. Stenciling.
6. Household science.

The products of these activities to be sold at church fairs or sales

7. To have a joint committee from the Men's Club and the Women's Aid to keep an eye upon juvenile delinquency and to become familiar with your own juvenile court methods, demanding that they shall be second to none in the state.

8. Civic improvement, which shall look after church grounds. To plant Japanese or Boston Ivy to beautify the building and your town.

The small town is so much more numerous than any other "congregate form of living" that all club women should see the need of working out what may be called "The Small Town Program." They should see that there are:

1. School play grounds, more or less equipped.
2. Require some knowledge of organized play-ground work in teachers.
3. To insist that trustees grant that play grounds shall be used after school hours and Saturdays—under restriction.
4. Large athletic fields shall be established for contests and ball games.
5. Revival of old games.
6. Introduced folk-games by history and folk-lore studied and put into execution by having a play-festival late in the spring.
7. To bend every energy to establish "team-work" games among girls in order that co-operation shall come early into

their training, and that they may lose the individualism which disregards the good of the whole.

In short, to bend all the play ground instruction to make better men and women—to make better citizens and parents.

The club women of small towns must insist that grade crossings shall be elevated and that new bridges shall be artistic.

Club women of the state were greatly interested in the three bills for equal suffrage which were before the general assembly, and also the "girls' bill" for an eight hour day.

Illinois suffragists broke all records at the hearing, April 15, when twenty-five equal suffrage speakers addressed the joint charter committee in the House in the presence of an audience that filled every available space.

The vote on these bills shows that the cause is gaining strength and the argument that women are generally indifferent cannot longer be relied on to deceive the elect, in view of the mammoth petition which festooned the galleries of the House bearing fifteen thousand names.

The "girls' bill" won many words of approval for the way in which the girls plead their cause.

Surely it is hard to understand why there is such reluctance in accepting the old saying that "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

Your committee wishes to urge upon the Club women of larger towns and cities of Illinois the civic value of:

1. Children's gardens as a correctional measure.
2. Considering children in "Neighborhood Improvement."
3. Considering playgrounds the school for social education. To make athletics the basis of securing mental

and physical poise in our young citizens and to work to establish a code of ethics based on "the rules of the games."

To ask Clubs having a Civics Committee to add two sub-committees—*Municipal Government*, whose duty shall be to examine into the aims and function of Municipal Government and into the practical workings of your own city government; and *Social Reform*, whose duty shall be to examine into the problems which affect the interests of your own city. A definite knowledge of the housing of your own city and how it affects the economic efficiency of the working population is a very concrete necessity.

To the Clubs representing the first ten districts your committee suggests close co-operation with:

The Corporation Council's office in securing better bill-board service as granted under the recent legislation.

The Censor Department of the City Police Department to secure decency in advertising—both on bill-boards and in the press.

Special Parks Commission to establish more Public Comfort Stations.

City Health Department and Streets and Alleys Department to aid in the abolishment of the disgraceful garbage dumps within the city limits.

Juvenile Protection League to establish and maintain clean amusements in cheap theatres and amusement parks,—to prosecute saloons selling liquors to minors, and to assist branch Protective Leagues all over the city in protecting child-life.

Playground Association to establish in crowded districts, where a playground or a small park is an impossibility, a sort of street playground where street games can be played within a restricted area.

EMMA M. HENDERSON,

Chairman,

4630 Gross Ave., Chicago.

LITERATURE AND RECIPROCITY.

This committee wishes to thank the clubs in the State Federation, individually and collectively, for their ready response to the request of the chairman for good manuscripts and club calendars. A number of excellent new papers have been received, but there are still a number of clubs unrepresented in the Reciprocity Library, and we particularly desire to have one good paper from every club in the Federation, as well as their new club calendars. These calendars are passed from one club to another and are thus made very helpful, but so far the demand far exceeds the supply and the chairman is frequently obliged to draw upon the General Federation, so do not fail to send in your calendars for the next club year. The following is quoted from a letter received from the editor of the *Woman's Era*—published in New Orleans, La.—a periodical which aims to publish authoritative articles on timely subjects that are engaging the attention of the women of today:

"During the coming year we would be pleased to co-operate with you in your work as Chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, by publishing papers on the various subjects, written by the women of your state which are in your charge. We are aiming to help the clubs throughout the country and take this as one of the methods of so doing."

Respectfully submitted,

IDA TAYLOR COBB,
Chairman.

The following clubs have made application and been admitted to the Federation since the publication of the Year Book 1908-1909, and to all of these we give a hearty welcome: Marengo Woman's Club, Woman's Civic Improve-

ment Club of Chenoa, McHenry Co. Fed. of Women's Clubs, Portia Club of Winchester, Columbian Club of Aledo, South Side Woman's Club of Herrin, Domestic Science Club of Mt. Sterling, Greenfield Domestic Science Club, Traveler's Club of Greenfield, Chicago Lawn Woman's Club.

Phidian Art Club of Dixon has been reinstated, and several applications await action at the next board meeting.

The Lake Bluff Woman's Club successfully edits and publishes the *Lake Bluff Chat*, a weekly paper devoted to the interests of the village. This is the only case, so far as we know, of a woman's club in our state issuing a newspaper, save as the Chicago Woman's Club issues *The Club Record* monthly to its own members.

The Board of Directors, at its last meeting, accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Katherine S. Westfall as General Federation State Secretary and elected Mrs. Frederick K. Tracy, 1522 Jackson Blvd., Chicago, to fill the unexpired term.

STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT.

From the capitol at Springfield comes news of the appointment of Mrs. Eugenie M. Bacon of Decatur as a member of the State Library Extension Commission—the board created by the new law in which all our club women are interested. This appointment gives recognition to the work of the Federation, but it also gives opportunity for service to the state such as the Federation is able and glad to give. The other appointee is Mr. Joseph H. Freeman of Aurora.

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